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JUDGE PARKER is maintaining a silence that is luminous as to his candidatial fit-

IF THE Democrats want to interest the veterans in their ticket let them put on Judge Miers, of Indiana, for Vice-Presi-

IF SENATOR BURTON'S ignominious fate will be a real warning to others, it will diminish our regrets for a brilliant young man having gone very wrong.

IT HAS not been a great while ago since D. B. Hill's party colleagues pronounced him politically very, very dead. Just now he seems to be calling the turn with shining success.

RUSSIA predicts that the war with Japan will last 25 years. She must be going to send her battle-shipts to the East in very small annual instalments to make them hold out that long.

KANSAS is laudably eager to be the first in everything, though her pride does not seem to go out very much toward the terpretation of the New Order: fact that she is the first State to have a Benator actually sent to jail.

tive and dash is everywhere conceded. The served question has been as to their staying quali- navy of the United States during the late ties. These are now to be tested. The war of the rebellion and received an hon-Russians have the reputation of being the most stolid and immovable of European troops.

These are now to be tested. The orable discharge therefrom may be entitled to a pension as such, provided he is now or may hereafter be suffering from any mental or physical disability or disabilities thereof in the Department is submitted for the purpose of showing that the order referred to is clearly within executive authority and in conformity with existing war had brought Mrs. Morgan to her pres-

of trouble proving that he never had a negro to lunch with him at the White House. In addition to Taylor, of Kansas, Fred Douglass was there often at lunch away hungry?

anese have effectually cleared out all the be entitled to the minimum rating of \$3 Russians south of the Valu Bires and per month; after 65 years of age, to \$8 Russians south of the Yalu River, and per month; after 68 years of age, to \$10 this with comparative ease. The only ac- per month; and after 70 years of age, to natural decay of the physical powers, due and crocheted, and shaped the garment in tions have been some insignificant skirmishes with trifling losses-probably 20 killed on both sides would cover the entire The Russians stripped the country of all its supplies as they retired, but this will not embarrass the Japanese much, since the positions they want to hold can be readily supplied from the seacoast.

NICHOLAS I. gave up the struggle for Sebastopol against the relatively small armies which England and France sent thither in the Crimean War, declaring valid pension provided for in said acts and of morale in his officers tripped him up at April 13, 1904, and shall not be deeme every step." The intense interest now is retroactive, and declarations filed for the proved in morale since the Crimean War-60 years ago. So far Admiral Makaroff and some others have shown a great deal mum and maximum at 65 years and 75 of dash and competence, while others have shown sadly the reverse.

thousands of men into Manchuria, but she ruling or not, are not in addition to penthem over a single-track railroad. The Japanese can certainly overpower her when near the seacoast, but when they attempt to advance in the country, their real difficulties will begin, and it is only a question of the length of the advance as great as Russia's. This seems to point is all that will be required. to the debatable ground being established somewhere south of Harbin. It will be remembered that Harbin is about 450 miles

Spain, revives the memory of more than control of the Convention. The inevitable is completely disabled in this regard. Cerhalf a century of very interesting history rush to get on the band-wagon will of tainly such a presumption is now more or less forgotten. A conspicu- course greatly increase this preponderance general experience in actual life. ous part of this was the attempt of the and make Tammany's resistance unavailwily old Louis Philippe of France to per- ing. They are even now talking confimanently annex Spain, and put his dynasty dently of the unit rule, which will make abilities; and when it is further considered on a rock foundation, by marrying his two the New York delegation solid in the that for more than 10 years there has sons to the two daughters of Ferdinand, Convention. The unit rule will probably allowance by law), based solely on the age the elder of whom was to inherit the be the tactics everywhere. The Hearst of 75 years, and that, for nearly seven throne of Spain. Louis Philippe was only men see the danger from it, and are mak- years there has been an established rating prevented from accomplishing this by ing a violent resistance wherever it threats of war from England and Austria, is proposed. All the same it will undoubtand then he did the next best thing in edly obtain in the delegations from New marrying Isabella, the heiress, to a hope- York, Pennsylvania, New England, New tures under the order of March 15, 1904." less incompetent, and her sister to Louis Jersey and the South, so that at this Philippe's eldest son. This provided that writing, it looks very much as if Parker the Queen, dying without issue, her sister's would enter the Democratic Convention children-that is, the grandchildren of Louis Philippe would inherit the throne of Spain. This arrangement was carried out, and would have been a very successful one if Queen Isabella had only been tion developing anywhere. The momensatisfied with it. She was not, and had quite a number of caildren, the only cer-Queen Isabella was superior to the usual the first sight of the winner and to hurry the Bureau every day with only the name run of Spanish monarchs. These Kings and Queens are mere figureheads, and the them. With all its rapacity and unscrupationness, the ring with put Isabella on the ring with had tried to put Don Carles the ring with had tried to put Don Carles on the throne. When the opposition got too strong, as must come sooner or later, there are well as any uncertain the range with his direct and the ring with had tried to put Don Carles on the throne. When the opposition got too strong, as must come sooner or later, there are well as the company that all the sheet and the wind the ring with the ring with his direct and the was probably no more immorphism. The late Queen Isabella II. was the worst talked-about woman in history, which are the ring of which she was probably no more immorphism that their letters are controlled to put Don Carles the ring with his direct and the ring with the ring with his direct and the ring with the ring with the ring with his direct and the ring with th lousness, the ring which put Isabella on the day as if the nomination of Judge Parker not answered.

GIVE IT THE FORCE OF LAW.

Instead of wasting valuable time in discussing the abstract question of the President's course in regard to pensions, Congress should, if it really wants to help the veterans and earn their gratitude, take the decided forward step of embodying the principle of the new order into a law.

If the President has anticipated Congress, and done by order what that body intended to do by legislation, why should not Congress go on and carry out its original plan?

There is no doubt that the new order will be of immense benefit to the veterans. Why should Congress permit the President to have all the credit for that benefit? Why not secure that which is legitimately due Congress by enacting into law all that the order has granted, and also whatever more that Congress may feel inclined to

If the new order gave all that Congress thinks the veterans should have, then let Congress confirm that much, and put it beyond the power of any future President or Commissioner to revoke the order, or narrow down its scope.

This course would seem not only in accordance with the protestations of devotion for the veterans which Congress has always made, but it would show the sincerity of those protestations, and would at the same time be expedient in evidencing to the veterans that their Representatives really intended to carry out in Congress what they had promised on the stump. We know that the disposition of a great majority of the members of the House of Representatives, possibly also a majority of the Senate, is strongly in favor of giving the veterans much more than was granted in the new order. If this be so, there should be no difficulty in passing through both Houses a bill which would at least permanently fix upon the statute books the advance made by that order, and therefore change the status from being a mere Executive order, revokable at pleasure, to a vested right having all the force and solemnity of law. The advantage of this would be so apparent to the veterans as to bring out their strong gratitude toward Congress.

An act of this kind would be worth more than all the eloquent ringing speeches that can fill the Congressional Record from now until adjournment.

The veterans are now so old that they want something more effective than silver-tongued oratory. They have had an abundance of that.

This act would be something tangible which every Representative and Sepator could take back to his veteran constituents as indisputable evidence that he has been alive to their interests, and not allowed the session to pass without some practical

The veterans care little about abstractions as to the President's powers. They want realities. The order is a reality as far as President Roosevelt and this Administration are concerned. Now let Congress make it a reality for all time, independent of the vicissitudes of politics and changes of Administration. If Congressmen are sincere they can not refuse to do this. It is the least they

can do to give an appearance of truthfulness to their declarations. There is plenty of time to do this before Congress adjourns. It can be done in less time than is taken up by the shortest speech glorifying the

SECRETARY HITCHCOCK ON THE NEW

missioner of Pensions, Mr. Hitchcock, Sec-

"As some misunderstanding with refer-

The Secretary refers to an order of Sep-

tember, 1893, when the age of 75 years en-

amount. He cites three cases of this kind.

disabilities, has always been considered in

there has never been any uniform rule for

rating the infirmities due to the element

of age, with the exception of the two

classes named. Such ratings, therefore,

seem to have been governed by the vary-

occupied with that duty, thereby impart-

ing to that feature of pension administra-

tion something of uncertainty and inequal-

from the best obtainable data for infirmi-

number of cases that are pe...ing under

every act, it is impossible to secure uni-

formity and expedition in decisions with-

out laying down convenient rules for the

weighing of evidence and prima facie pre-

sumption which long experience justifies.

"The order in question merely lays

"When it is understood that, in the ad-

judications under this act, age has always

(the minimum provided by law) based alone on the age of 65 years, it will be

apparent how largely problematical must

be any estimate of increase of expendi-

Department of the Interior.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: It does

veterans that in calling up claims for pen-

sion it is necessary that the number of

the claim and the company and regiment

in which the soldier served be given in

given. It is impossible for the Bureau to

Bureau of Pensions,

Washington, April 7, 1904.

justified by

Pension Bureau since its establishment.

"To this fact, together with the grow-

ing opinions of the many who have bee

"Although age, in connection with other

course of which he said:

prevailed in its administration.

deavor.

ual labor.

sionable."

and continues:

deeds of the veterans, and promising them the undying gratitude of the country. Let us have it done at once.

Then we can read the speeches more patiently.

THE NEW ORDER.

The Pension Bureau is now sending out the following letter, explanatory of its in-

"In response to your attached communication, you are advised that under the provisions of section 2 of the act of June 27, That the Japanese have plenty of initia-ive and dash is everywhere conceded. The served 90 days or more in the army or 1890, as amended by the act of May 9, MR. CLEVELAND is having a great deal of his own vicious habits, which so inca-

ments are properly met, that when a claimant has passed the age of 62 years, he shall be regarded as disabled one-half in It appears quite certain that the Jap- ability to perform manual labor and may the maximum rating of \$12 per month. A declaration stating that the claimant is 62 years of age; 65 years; 68 years; or 70 years, as the case may be, is a sufficient allegation in cases of this kind, even if no other disabling cause is set forth, but in duly considered, but the decisions under all cases the exact date of birth should be

"Allowances under said acts at a higher rate, not exceeding \$12 per month, will continue to be made as heretofore, where disabilities other than age show a condition of inability to perform manual labor, but in no case can pension exceed \$12 per month, which is the maximum rate of in-

is not subject to increase for any cause. purpose of obtaining the benefits of said acts by reason of same should not be filed in this Bureau prior to April 13, 1904. The former rules of the Bureau fixing the miniyears respectively are accordingly modi-

"Pensions granted under the provisions Russia must not only get hundreds of as amended, whether affected by the late sion allowed under any other law, as the law prohibits the payment of more than one pension to a person for the same period.

This settles one point, about which there has been some anxious questioning: the amount of proof that would be required for age. This says that a mere statement as when their troubles will be proportionately to age, accompanied by exact date of

THE PARKER BOOM.

The arrangement which was foreshadfrom Newchwang, which the Japanese owed in The National Tribune some weeks down, as a convenient rule of decision will in all probability make their base, ago as to the alliance of New York with and a rebuttable presumption of fact, that and these 450 miles of rough, mountain- the South, seems to be carrying out very one who is otherwise entitled and is 62 ous country affording no supplies, will effectively. The result of the primaries earning a livelihood by his hands; that test the strength of the two combatants. in New York State has given Judge one who is 65 is more disabled for man-Parker 300 out of the 450 delegates, or ual work; that one who is 68 is in a still THE death of Isabella II, ex-Queen of enough at this moment for a two-thirds greater degree incapable of earning a supwith enough solid, well-disciplined votes behind him to force his nomination without any thing more than factious oppositum this boom has already acquired puts tainty about their pater ity being that it in the position of rapid growth from all they were not her husband's. Altogether those whose necks are craned to catch each instance. Hundreds of letters reach into his line. Of course, quite as promiquestion is as to the ring which is behind nent booms as this have been blighted by Claimants do not understand this, and them. With all its rapacity and unscrupal an untimely frost, but it surely looks to therefore complain that their letters are

either of them acquainted with poverty, any value.

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God's child.

abject and revolting, such as was revealed to them when they stooped to enter

called by the sacred name "home." The children crowded about the goodssoon spread out the remains of the lunch. Yet, hungrous as the poor little starving "stair-step" youngsters were, the tiniest two, the oldest looking under seven, they will the worker had not steed quietly by until the mother had not steed quietly at the following the stood quietly by until the mother had put into their hands the huge sandwiches of ham and "soda" biscuits which Maria had hurriedly fixed for them.

"Your children are better behaved than most," remarked Annabel, as she dealt out to each of them a generous slice of cake,

and some boiled eggs. The poor mother's face colored, as she remarked simply, "We have not always een as you see us now, and I have tried to bring them up right," which made Annabel feel that she had made a very bad break. The girls could not get away from the feeling that the people who had been fighting their husbands were of a very low order of human beings, and when they met he exception, as they had in the case of Mrs. Morgan, the name of the mother. they did not know just exactly where to

The physical wants of the Morgan's supplied, the girls turned their attention to the matter in hand, which was the burial of the baby. The tiny form lay upon a low box in a corner of the little room, and over it was folded an old pillow slip, ragged, but spotlessly clean, as was the clothing of the children and the mother, though patches had almost taken the place of the original material.

Reverently, Maria lifted the cloth, and the little waxen form was displayed. The children had said it looked like a "li'l doll." and it was true. The wee features In response to a resolution from the were composed, and the little liands "like rose leaves dropped from the rose, lay Senate requesting information for that still," laid over each other, and peace body as to the recent order of the Comseemed to hover over the spot.

"He's got her now, and that's a comfort," said Mrs. Morgan, as she stood holding the other sleeping twin, and looked down at the baby that had gone away from her. "He never saw them. He was ence to the interpretation and purpose of wounded at second Bull Run, and was this order has existed, a brief review of never real well afterward. He died six pension legislation and the administration months ago. We lost everything, nearly.

mental or physical disability or disabilities thority and in conformity with existing war had brought Mrs. Morgan to her pres of a permanent character, not the result law and methods which have heretofore ent position, and the fortunes of war and a delayed train had brought her succor. She

time, and stayed for hours. Was Mr. as an evidential fact, if the contrary does not appear and if all other legal require-that the applicant's pensionable disabilities baby for its last long sleep. It was so render him wholly incapacitated for man- very small that one of the wide sleeves ual labor, his pension rating will be accordingly even though the applicant may dainty frills of crocheted lace and lawn, be then occupied with distinguished use- made an ample slip for the alabaster fulness in some field of intellectual en- form. Annabel sacrificed the gown without a pang, though she remembered with "It is well understood that there is a tear-dimmed eyes how she had stitched, solely to age, which impairs man's capacity to 'earn a support' by his own man- front was infrequent, and she had to have something to do to keep hands and mind "Not only does the act itself provide engaged, or she felt that she would go that 'each and every infirmity shall be mad. And now here she was at the from herself, helping the wife of a man wh it uniformly recognize the principle that had shot at Union soldiers. disabilities due to senility alone are pen-

"Was that the engine whistle?" asked Maria, suddenly, as the echoes went hurtling off toward the Bull Run Mountains "Oh, they surely will not go yet," cried Annabel, starting to her feet. "We must titled the applicant to the maximum

bury the baby." "I'll call Will and tell him that they must hold the train," declared Maria, as she swept out the door. Almost at the threshold they met Si, Will, the Adjutant determining pension ratings under the act, back to know where the grave was to be and several other soldiers who had commade. Will carried the little coffin. It was of mahogany, simply the long narrow drawer from an old Colonial sideboard which they had found in the little store

"The Postmaster said that he had been keepin' the mail in it, but that he could use something else if the drawer would do us any good," explained Will. "How long will we stay here?" asked Maria.

ing importance of age conditions, is due "We ought to pull out in a few minutes in considerable measure the necessity for now." replied the Adjutant, then seeing action on the line of this order, specifically the look of consternation on Maria's face. defining, as far as practicable, ratings ade d hastily, "I can hold the train here longer, if you want. I thought you ties due to senility.
"In the administration of pension laws would like to get away; this must be horribly sad work for you. and the consideration of the immense

"It is," replied Maria. "I never had such an experience in all my life, but if we were to run away from other people troubles who is going to help us when our trials come. We can't walk this vale of tears alone, unless we want to live unloved This has been the uniform course of the Mrs. Morgan's baby, anyhow. We can do lives. We must stay long enough to bury that, can't we Adjutant?"

"We can," replied the Adjutant gal lantly, "and just as much longer as you and Maria went back, comforted. "Say, you two cubs," he said, adddressing himself to Si and Shorty as they stood around waiting further orders from the two imperious young women, "you've got two of the finest women for wives that I "That's what we have," replied the

two cubs" in unison. "And they are a blamed sight too good for you," added the Adjutant, whereat there was a general grin.

Annabel appeared at the door with the

fine damask tablecloth which the Adju-tant had provided for the lunch. "Can leadingly, as she held it up. "Sure!" was the prompt answer from-

the Adjutant. And then and there all hands worked to gether to fashion the little white nest for the baby. It was soon done, then with reverent hands of was placed on the big goodsbox, and the tiny form, as pure and ragile as a lily in the pretty robe which CLAIMANTS SHOULD GIVE COMPANY AND REGIMENT. Maria had fashioned for it, was lifted and placed in the narrow bed. The awestricken children looked at "li'l sisser" and and giving the mother and children a tearalked in whispers of how pretty she was. and the two-year-old was indignant that sorrow. she could not have the "doll" to play with Bent rails and rusty, twisted irons were not seem to be well understood among the gathered up to make a strong but gro-

tesque inclosure around the tiny grave. "I reckon I can have her taken up some day," remarked the unweeping mother,' and put beside him. But it does nt make a great deal of difference, perhaps. He's got her with him now, and the shell of the took in the country as the train moved on, soul ain't much." And Maria and Anna- and explained it to the boys, with the asbel, who stood with arms about each sistance of Ex-Johnny. other, felt that the religion which could

row, with the advantage to us of being a whole lot nearer your king-row." "And our king-row worth a whole heap

Si Klegg, Shorty and their Comrades in the soil more than your's," added the Adjutant.
"Yes, indeed," conceded Ex-Johnny. "When Johnny Came Marching Home?"

have done it. Our monitors would have erners, and had the blood of Pocahontas knocked their old wooden ships into kind in their veins. I used to get so worked ling wood if they had ventured onto this up that I was often tempted to remind her An Improvised Funeral-Ex-Johnny's Ro- | "If the ladies will permit me," he said

Neither Maria nor Annabel were used to dent in New York, and was just about to there, and was going to capture it, but I was so afraid of losing her that I didn't cut off the Second Corps of your army ists like me were fighting the battles. But luxury or a superabundance of the bright and pretty things of life, but neither was either of them acquainted with poverty.

Here, and was just about to there, and was just about to there, and was going to capture it, but take orders when the Flag was fired on Gen. Warren outmanuvered Hill and are say it. Too many of her family were in Richmond."

When I go back. If my services will be of whole lot of prisoners and a battery of the prisoners are the properties. whole lot of prisoners and a battery of artillery. We were terribly disappointed in from her?" 'Oh, sir!" sobbed the poor little widow, not going into Washington and then in not vealed to them when they stooped to enter the low, narrow doorway of the miserable was a God-fearing man, and I was satisfaction we got was in tearing up the state which a woman and five children brought up that way, and the baby hasn't Orange & Alexandria Raifroad again." "Poor Orange & Alexandria Railroad." been baptized, but I meant to have it

done when I could. It hurt me so to think murmured the Adjutant. "But it must about Orange Court House, and there was box which seemed to be the only excuse that the little thing would not have a have got used to being torn up by that always somebody coming through to bring for a table, and upon which the girls word said over her to show that she was time. If I remember right, you didn't get letters. But that was stopped before the off so easily after all. The Army of the Wilderness campaign began, and of course



"THE GIRLS SOON SPREAD OUT THE REMAINS OF THE LUNCH."

Morgan with eager earnestness. "It won't seem half so hard to leave her then." bright eyes. Both girls were keyed up to army in two. If they had come ahead to meet you again, Mrs. Manton. I am not the highest pitch, and they were ready to the next day as they did the first, there's likely to forget so attractive a face, but I do anything to make Mrs. Morgan's burof the soft muslin nightdress with its den lighter. They had been brought up in My regiment was where we could see a not have expected to meet you here. all the rites of the church.

faith "Women kept silence in the temple," and ordinarily they would have been covthey were ready for any sacrifice. "We will sing," declared Maria simply.

And so the little procession filed over he street and the open lots to the place where the tiny grave had been made. "There is hope in thine end, saith the Lord, that Thy children shall come again to their own border," recited the soldier solemnly, as Will, who had carried the liton the brown earth. And then in measured tones he began-

"I am the resurrection and the life." From first to the last he repeated the sacred words which have been said millions of times by the graveside, yet are always full of tender comfort to the sor-

rowing. low they sang the old familiar hymn, the first one that came into Maria's mind, yet anxious all the next day lest they should like the words of Him who walked and talked by Gallilee 2,000 years ago, always night we fell back to Orange Court preciously sweet to the believer, always House." like healing balm to the wounded heart "Just as I am, without one plea"the words floated out on the sunbright air Maria's voice wavered a little at first, for she was all unused to this publicity, but

with Annabel's sweet "alto" to help her, she forgot all but the strong, sustaining sentiment of the song. In pairs and threes and then by dozens, blue-coated men had wandered up to the little group, and uncovered stood with heads bowed during the brief prayer and the reading. "Just as I am-and waiting not"

sang Maria and Annabel, and then two or three strong voices took up the refrain "To rid my soul of one dark blot"and then the volume of sound rose and rolled over the battle-scarred plains of Manassas, and the soft south wind car ried it over Bull Run Mountain, Men were singing when Maria began the third verse who had not thought of a hymn for four dreadful years. They were singing and thinking of the little church at home; of mother, dead since they left home, perhaps; of sweetheart, wife and sister; of their own dear children, long since folded in the tender Shepherd's arms. In this presence their hearts were softened, their souls uplifted.

"Father, in Thy hands we leave th stainless soul of this little child," prayed the soldier. "Take her to Thy heart, and keep her till this mother, in the fullness of Thine own time, can go to be with he child and husband. And may we so live we use this to cover the coffin?" she asked that when our summons comes, we may go into Thy presence as fearlessly as this white soul to-day gone from among us." Then, quietly, they walked down the street and across the open lots, the men going soberly to the train on the side tracks, and the two girls to the little shack with the mother, whose Faith had upborne her through all the trying scene, but who was now weeping piteously.

They soothed her as only women can, and then they gathered up their dishes,

ful farewell, left them alone with their ours," said Maria soberly as they left they were after Arabella and I became the desolate home, and turned toward the engaged."

"No," replied Annabel softly. The Adjutant, who had been making a study of the operations of the Army of the Potomac, in anticipation of the journey,

"Great country this, to manuver big

"A good ways ahead. I'll show you when we come to it. The Army of the know my wife, I believe.' Maria looked at Annabel inquiringly, Potomac seemed to have got its blood up, and Annabel understood and nodded her and waded into us there in a way that we I ought to, Major," responded the Adjuhead, the tears brimming over in her didn't expect. They mighty near cut Lee's tant, going over to the buggy, "Delighted a strictly orthodox home, and to them it good part of the fighting, and it was a grand sight, even if we did get licked. Gen. Lee had left a couple of brigades They had never done more in the church of Early's men in the strong works on the than to help with the singing. In their north side of the Rappahannock to hold Johnny, sadly, taking advantage of a mo-Yankees suddenly appeared in full force, ered with confusion had they been request- and they had brought all their cannon ed to do anything more, but in this crisis along. Their batteries galloped up on the hills, and opened up the most awful fire on us I had heard since Gettysburg. We could only lie down or get behind something and take it, and didn't dare try to move out to help the men at Rappahannock Station or Kelly's Ford, against which the Yankees were moving in great blue masses. Those going toward Kelly's Ford didn't wait for any pontoons or tle white burden in his arms, set it down anything, but waded right across the river, and went for the men behind the works, while those that were advancing against the forts and breastworks on the north side jumped them with the bayonet. I never saw Yankees fight so well. It was one-two-three-the bugles sounded. the officers waved their swords, and the Yankees came over our works like an in-

> "Which way is Warrenton from here?" asked the Adjutant. "There is a great deal said about Warrenton all the time in the reports of the operations.'

> digo flood, and in a minute were prodding

our men with bayonets. We felt mighty

keep on coming, but they didn't, and that

"Warrenton lies right over there, about 20 miles from the railroad," said Ex-Johnny, pointing in the direction. "It is on the great turnpike running to Alexandria. and was always an important place. though there wasn't any fighting there, except by the cavalry. It is the home of a number of very aristocratic families-in fact, they claim that the real Simon Pure F. F. V.'s can only be found there. I have a particular interest in the place, as the oung lady I hope to marry lives there. She belongs to one of the very First Families of Virginia. Blue-blooded from way back, with a Pocahontas strain in their veins. You know I spoke to you a while ago about the difficulty of bringing the women of the sections together. There's going to be no trouble about the menthe real fighters at least. They bear no more ill-will than you and I do. But it's wholly different with the women. They are absolutely unforgiving, and feel everything to their heart's core. I want to leave Virginia and go to a new country. Personally, I'd like to go out West, t Kansas or Nebraska, where the Yankee soldiers are flocking. But the trouble is with Arabella-that's her name. She is simply the fiercest Secessionist I ever She was so long before the war. was for the Union, right up to the last. All our family were. My father voted for the Union at the very last election, when it was a very dangerous thing to do in our neighborhood. I was always devoted to Arabella, but the difference in politics began to take her away from me, and finally she gave me clearly to understand that unless I enlisted and did my duty as a man I could hope for nothing from her. As soon as I had been in battle, and been the Russian ships into the shelter of the wounded, we became engaged, and I had a very happy time with her and her family when I was home on wounded furlough. Her family are a very high-sailing lot. and never took particularly to ours, they couldn't have been nicer to me than

"O, she will come around all right. answered the Adjutant hopefully. "Marry her, and go out West. Take her out of this atmosphere. Out West the people are leading a vigorous, active life, making their fortunes and building up the country, and thinking about everything else than the war and its issues. She will get Japanese to either destroy all the Russian armies in," said the Adjutant, pointing into that atmosphere, and the next thing

"She is a Tartar, and no mistake," said the Adjutant.

"Indeed she is, but she is as pretty as she is willful and highstrung, and I wouldn't give her for a county full of ordi-"Yes, indeed," conceded Ex-Johnny.
"If we could have ever captured Washington, England and France would've recognized us, and the war would've been over.
That was our biggest and best hope."
"Well, the war wouldn't 've been over by a long shot," said the Adjutant decidedly. "We should have had to lick England and France, too, and we could have done it. Our monitors would have had to lead to try to reason her out of her hatred for the Yankees, telling her how nice people there were among them, and that it was only a difference in political opinion, but she'd always snap me off by saying that I was only a half-hearted Secessionist at best, and couldn't feel as deeply as those who were real Souththat the most of that kind I knew were mance and Its Termination—Southern Girls gently, removing his cap and twirling it "We're now coming to Bristoe Station," holding down bomb-proof positions in Not So Obdurate to Yankees as Represented. nervously in his hands, "I—will recite the said Ex-Johnny. "We once thought we'd Richmond, while half-hearted Secession-

"O, it must be much more than a year pretty regularly, and when the army was used to sometimes think that Arabella might have sent a letter to Washington to be sent to me at Point Lookout or Elmira. But she never did. I'll get home to-night and to-morrow or next day I'll go up and see her. I'm, as you may well suppose, crazy to see her. With the war over, and her for my wife, I'll start in to do something worth while.

The train whistled loud and long.
"That's for Warrenton Junction," said some of the released prisoners, gathering up their bundles to get off.
Ex-Johnny strained his eyes to the

westward, where lay the home of his be-loved, and his heart went into his mouth at the thought of being at last so near her. He clutched at his bundle as if yielding to the temptation to alter his plans, and follow the others out.

"No," he communed aloud with him-elf," she hates Yankees so that it wouldn't be at all wise for me to see her with anything on or about me the least Yankeefied. I'd better take these blankets and other truck home, and get some other clothes in place of these Yankee togs.' He laid his blankets back, and stepped

outside after the Adjutant. A buggy drawn by a spirited horse, and carrying a fine-looking officer, in the freshest and nattiest of blue uniforms, drove up. By the side of the officer sat a handsome young woman, arrayed in the latest fashion, and shading her delicate complexion with a fine lace parasol. The conspicuous newness of the attire of both, as well as their no less conspicuous loving-ness, proclaimed them at once bride and groom of recent mintage.

Ex-Johnny was startled at the first glance, and then seemed almost to reel when a second glance confirmed the first.
"Great Sam Hill," he ejaculated to the
Adjutant. "That's Arabella, sure's you're

He sprang forward to speak to her, when her companion called out to the Ad-

"Hello, Major! What are you doing down here? Come over here, old fellow, and speak to my wife. I can't come any nearer or let go of the lines, for this horse is awfully frisky about the cars. You

"Having been one of your groomsmen did not recognize you at first, since I could "O, this is my home," she answered. "My people live in Warrenton, and we are

here on a visit." "Arabella, how could you?" asked Exback the Yankees from the river. The ment when the horses's emotions were encrossing the attention of the bridegroom. "I have been living on the hope of a future with you," and he laid his wan face. grown strangely old, against the buggy

> "Why, George, is that you?" she inquired calmly. "I thought you had died in the hospital at Point Lookout. Any way, you were always half-Yankee, and I thought while I was about it, I'd better marry a full-blooded Yankee and be done

"And a broken heart does not matter to you. I wish I'd died in Point Lookout." he said bitterly; "it would have been easier than to endure this." Then he turned and walked away, and the girl who has broken his heart turned the battery of her smiles upon the Adjutant.

(To be continued.)

THE COST OF THE NEW ORDER.

In his letter to the Senate Secretary Hitchcock inclosed a letter from Acting Commissioner of Pensions Davenport, in which it was affirmed that Commissioner Ware's order does not enlarge but simply construes the Act of June 27, 1890, and its amendments and closes as follows:

"The amount the order will increase pensions annually, and particularly when the same shall become fully operative, can be only roughly estimated. There are supposed to be living to-day about 875,000 ex-Union soldiers of the civil war. Of these are pensioned under the Act of July 14, 1862, known as the general law, about 265,000, and under the Act of June 27, 1890, about 428,000, aggregating 693,000. which, deducted from the whole number of survivors, leaves 182,000 who have not applied for pension. To state definitely how many of this number failed to serve the required 90 days and receive final honorable discharge would be impossible. Onefourth seems a fair estimate and reduces the number to 136,500. To say that 75,000 of these have reached the age of 62 and will apply seems a reasonable estimate If these 75,000 are all placed on the rolls at \$3 a month or \$72 a year, the output for pensions will be increased \$5,400,000

"The pension roll is diminishing rapidly, owing to deaths of beneficiaries; and in all probability this decrease will offset any-gains caused by claims of soldiers to have reached the age of 65 and upward."

in naval warfare. One is to have a preopposition, and the other is to have light, swift ships which will be excessively threatening and damaging. The Japanese have a so-much stronger fleet in the East than the Russians that they have forced land fortifications at Port Arthur, but this does not end their work by any means. Before the Japanese can attempt land operations with any safety, they must make sure that no Russian ship can get out to play havoe with their transports which carry men and supplies. If only one of the Russian war ships could escape from Port Arthur, she could dodge the heavy fighting ships and among the transports she would be like a weasel in a chickencoop. Hence the intense anxiety of the